

Life Commitment, Church Vocations Set In April

NASHVILLE — Churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will be observing Life Commitment Month in April and Church Vocations Sunday, April 28.

Theme for the 1974 observance is "Equipped with the Word," which supports the denominational theme for the year, "Share the Word Now."

The April observance will deal with

the need for persons interested in church vocations to receive the proper education.

According to Alice Magill, vocational guidance specialist at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, many youth and young adults are following God's leadership into church vocations. These include high school youth, college students and many adults already in the working world.

"Many of these church vocations are the result of personal contact with their life and experiences, a desire for involvement in the ministry," continues Mrs. Magill. "However, involvement and education should run concurrently. Involvement can give purpose to education, but involvement is limited without education."

Theological education is a necessity for the minister who must speak to the spiritual needs of today's congregation with its varied backgrounds, education and experiences.

"In order to share the Word effectively in a church vocation, the minister must know the Word," says Mrs. Magill. "Therefore, the emphasis this year is on theological education for those persons preparing for church vocations."

The biblical basis for this emphasis is Paul's admonition to Timothy — "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15).

The church is not responsible simply for a climate which is conducive for an affirmative response of church members to the call of God to church

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lelected by Baptist churches over the state to help the needs of sufferers in the worst hit area of the state where the tornadoes struck.

A large moving van carried clothing and other staples on April 8 to the Red Cross emergency distribution center in Xenia.

Two other smaller trucks left even earlier with clothing and food col-

The Bible Speaks Regarding Demons

By John F. Newport
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(First in a series of four)

For Baptists, the Bible is the divinely inspired and authoritative rule of practice.

Furthermore, to truly be under the Bible, we must not only accept its authority and inspiration, but we must utilize recognized principles of interpretation which will allow the Bible to speak for itself.

What does the Bible have to say about demons? Since space is limited, the New Testament will be given primary consideration.

Satan and demons are prominent in the New Testament. A demon is seen in the New Testament as an "evil spirit" or a "messenger and minister of the devil."

Demons are evidently created spiritual beings with no bodies. Being spiritual does not disqualify the fact that they are personal, intelligent and voluntary agents (Lk. 4:34).

Their knowledge, however, is not a saving knowledge since they will not submit to God.

Since Satan apparently appeared to Jesus in human form (Matt. 4:9,10), demons perhaps have power on occasion to do likewise. They are morally vicious (Matt. 10:1) and have amazing strength (Lk. 8:29).

In New Testament times many people were dominated and tormented by demons. Luke distinguishes this possession from cases of ordinary sickness and mental disease.

When Jesus sent out the 12 disciples, He gave them authority over unclean spirits and told them to cast out demons. He also told them to heal every disease and infirmity (Matt. 10:1).

Jesus did not cast demons out of people who were sick—He healed them. But He ministered to the demonized by casting spirits out.

Jesus obviously knew the difference between disease and the demonic.

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State Baptist Youth Night Set For '74

Mississippi Baptist Youth Night will be held this year, according to Dr. Earl Kelly, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist

APRIL 30

Proclaimed As National Day Of Prayer

April 30 has been proclaimed as a National Day of humility, fasting and prayer by means of a Mississippi Senate Concurrent Resolution and the U. S. Senate has passed a similar joint Resolution.

The State Senate Concurrent Resolution is No. 572 and is as follows:

WHEREAS, it is the duty of nations, as well as of men to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord; and

WHEREAS, we know that we have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown; but we have forgotten God; and

WHEREAS, we have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in despite and contention and chastened us, and we have forgotten the mercies of our hearts; that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own; and

WHEREAS, intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us; and

WHEREAS, we have made such an idol out of our pursuit of "national security" that we have forgotten that only God can be the ultimate guardian of our true livelihood and safety; and

WHEREAS, we have failed to respond, personally and collectively, with sacrifice and uncompromising commitment to the unmet needs of our fellow man, both at home and abroad; as a people, we have become so absorbed with the selfish pursuits of pleasure and profit that we have blinded ourselves to God's standard of justice and righteousness for this society; and

WHEREAS, it therefore behoves us to humble ourselves before Almighty God, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby proclaim that April 30, 1974, be a day of humility, fasting and prayer; and call upon the people of our state to humble ourselves as we see fit, before our Creator to acknowledge our final dependence upon Him and to repent of our collective sins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mark Hatfield, United States Senator, and that copies be made available to the press.

It was adopted by the State Senate March 21, and signed by the president of the body, William F. Winter.

It was adopted by the House of Representatives March 27, and signed by C. B. Newman, speaker pro tempore.

Convention Board. The date is Monday night, December 30. The place is the Coliseum in Jackson. This one-night rally will replace the Youth Convention presently scheduled at that time.

Youth Night for 23 years was the concluding session of the Mississippi State Convention. Last November the convention, upon the recommendation of the Convention Board, voted to discontinue the annual Youth Night service.

The Executive Committee of the Convention Board, which originally recommended to the Board that the service be discontinued, authorized the rescheduling of the service for

Monday night, Dec. 30.

Dr. Kelly, in discussing the two actions of the Executive Committee, said that "I do not think it was the purpose of those who initiated this action, (adopted by the convention), to abolish the Youth Convention. They were seeking solutions for existing problems. Your Executive Secretary-Treasurer would be most reluctant to abolish any Baptist meeting that could bring 10,000 young Baptists together for constructive purposes."

The December date is not fixed as an annual date for this meeting. An opinionnaire will be distributed, according to Dr. Kelly, giving pastors (Continued On Page 2)

Baptist Churches Suffer Severe Flood Damage

By Earl Kelly

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

Several Baptist churches suffered severe flood damage during the floods in South Mississippi last week. A Baptist leaders in the affected areas are now attempting to estimate the total damage. It is already apparent that several of the damaged churches will need financial assistance.

Dr. Joel Ray, Superintendent of Missions of the Lebanon Association, and I toured the damaged areas in the Hattiesburg and Petal areas last weekend. The Calvary Baptist Church of Hattiesburg received the most extensive damage. This church had been redecorated recently. The new pews and carpets which were submerged under four feet of water, are a complete loss. An organ was also ruined. Calvary's pastor, Rev. Emmett Boone, stated, "We were just at the point of being able to do more for missions, and now this!"

Bouie Street Baptist Church where Rev. John Klem is pastor sustained damage from a foot of water in its auditorium. The churches in Petal were completely surrounded by water but were miraculously spared from flood damage. Several National Baptist churches were severely damaged.

Some had as much as five and one-half feet of water in them and at least one was washed off its foundation.

Many of the members of these damaged churches lost everything they owned. This means the offerings are sure to take a dramatic drop while

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Lebanon Launches \$75,000 Campaign

A drive to raise \$75,000 to aid Baptist churches in Forrest County damaged by the recent flood was approved by the Council of the Lebanon Baptist Association at a luncheon meeting at William Carey College on Monday, April 22. Dr. Joel D. Ray, superintendent, was in charge of the business session. Churches of all races were included, and the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be asked to aid in the program, with May 19 set as the climax of the drive.

Flood damage of \$15,000 to \$20,000 was reported by Rev. Emmett Boone, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church on

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Baptists Rush Money And Supplies To Storm Victims In Xenia, Ohio

ARKANSAS' LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LEADS WORSHIP IN MOTEL EACH SUNDAY

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (BP)—Arkansas Lt. Governor Bob Riley, a Baptist, believes that proclaiming the 'Good News' is every Christian's duty."

True to his own words, Riley does his "proclaiming each Sunday at the Holiday Inn here where he leads in worship services for guests, employees and other persons."

The service is part of the outreach ministry of First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia. Nathan Porter, formerly of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board staff, is the inn chaplain and the pastor of First Church.

Bahamian Choir To Perform In Dallas

DALLAS, Tex. (BP)—Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) meeting here in June will hear music—Bahamian style.

The 130 - voice United Baptist choir from Nassau, Bahamas will sing in the SBC's Thursday morning and evening sessions on June 13 and also during the Monday afternoon (June 10) session of the Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, annual meeting here.

Members of the choir, from 23 of Nassau's 46 Baptist churches, are paying their own way to Dallas and will stay in homes of members of four churches here, according to Miss Antonia Canzoneri, missionary press representative.

The SBC will meet June 11-13, while the WMU meeting will be June 9-10, both in the Dallas Convention Center.



REGIONAL MAN AND BOY RALLY HELD AT NEWTON

A regional Man and Boy Rally, one of a series of four, was held April 18 at First Church, Newton. Photo at left shows a part of the crowd, with the host pastor, Rev. Hardy Denham, welcoming the men and boys. Center photo shows a man and boy, from Meridian, who seem to be enjoying supper. They were, Joe Miller and son, Jody. Picture at right is that of several leaders discussing the program. From left: Rev. John Merritt, missionary to Germany, speaker; Rev. E. L. Howell, director of Brotherhood Department, sponsor; Rev. Tommy Badley, pastor First Church, Brandon, speaker; Billy Vaughn, minister of music, First Church, Laurel, music director, and host pastor, Rev. Hardy Denham.

The Bible Speaks Regarding Demons

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The distinction between disease and the demonized is not always so easy to see today.

Some Christians attribute every unhealthy state to demons. Other Christians deny the possibility of the demonic being the cause of any illness or emotional problem or lying behind any sort of bizarre behavior.

The picture is further complicated by the fact that the demonized and the mentally ill often share similar behavioral symptoms.

An actual case of demonization affects certain results in the victim's life.

Generally such a person dislikes anything that has to do with the Christian faith. Also, there may be

strong impulses to curse God or Christian symbols and compulsions to disturb Christian meetings.

These symptoms generally do not hold for the psychologically ill.

Demon possession was a special phenomenon which was particularly frequent during Jesus' earthly life. It seemed to be directly connected with His coming to destroy Satan.

John tells us that "the son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil" (I Jn. 3:8). Satan used every device at his disposal to frustrate the purpose of God in Christ.

It is not strange to see that exorcism of demons was one of the most characteristic activities of Jesus' ministry.

Jesus taught that the coming of the final stage of the kingdom at the second coming would mean destruction

of the devil and his angels in eternal fire (Matt. 25:41).

However, before the final defeat, Jesus has invaded the realm of Satan to deal him a preliminary but decisive defeat.

Satan A Strong Man

Satan is a strong man (Matt. 12:29). His "goods" are men and women under his evil influence.

A stranger, Jesus, has come to assail and overcome Satan. Jesus saw the successful mission of the 70, which was characterized by power over demons, as evidence of the defeat of Satan (Lk. 10:19).

Power of disciples, of course, was a delegated authority.

Jesus warned that exorcism is not enough. Unless a life is possessed by the power of God, its deliverance from Satan can be only temporary.

(Matt. 23:43-45). The demon can return bringing seven other demons with him.

Paul likewise believed that the world was under the heel of celestial world rulers (I. Cor. 2:8, II Cor. 4:4, Eph. 6:12).

Man is under bondage to evil powers. Salvation is seen in terms of rescue and God's power.

In Pauline epistles are several passages which clearly indicate Paul's views.

Behind idols are demons (I Cor. 8:4ff.). In latter days men shall fall away, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines taught by demons (I Tim. 4:1).

Existence of demons and reality of demon possession are clearly assumed in the Acts of the Apostles.

Prominence of these elements, however, is much more limited than in the

first three gospels.

Peter was related to healing those vexed with unclean spirits (Acts 5:15ff.) as well as those who were sick.

Handkerchiefs and aprons which had been in contact with Paul were effective in expelling evil spirits (Acts 19:12) or at least arousing faith of persons concerned.

Phillip was used to drive out unclean spirits (Acts 8:7).

In Acts 16:16ff., a girl with a supernormal knowledge or perception followed Paul. Paul evidently regarded this case as one of real spirit possession and expelled it.

In Jude 6 and 11 Peter 2:4 there is an allusion to the fall of the angels—not the final lake of fire (20:10,14).

Revelation 12:4 states that the tail of the dragon draws a third of the stars of heaven and casts them down to earth.

This is usually seen as referring to a primeval war in heaven since stars are familiar symbols of fallen angels.

In a succeeding article the methods of interpreting the relevance of this extensive New Testament material on demons for modern man will be discussed and evaluated.

References in Revelation

In the Book of Revelation are several references to unclean spirits or demons. In 9:3,7 the reference is probably to demon locusts (cf. 9:20).

Revelation 16:13ff. refers to three frog-like spirits which are the spirits of demons. They come out of the mouth of the dragon, which represents Satan, the beast (the beast of

Outreach Dates For 1974-75

By Bryant Cummings

Plans are underway in churches and associations for Reach Out emphases for 1974-75.

(1) Associational Reach Out Rally — About May 1. For pastors, education directors, Sunday School director and reach out directors from every local church.

(2) Complete plans for People Search — August - September

(3) Reach Out Week in the local church — September 23-October 3

A. Study "Reach Out to People" in local church.

B. Major on family visitation

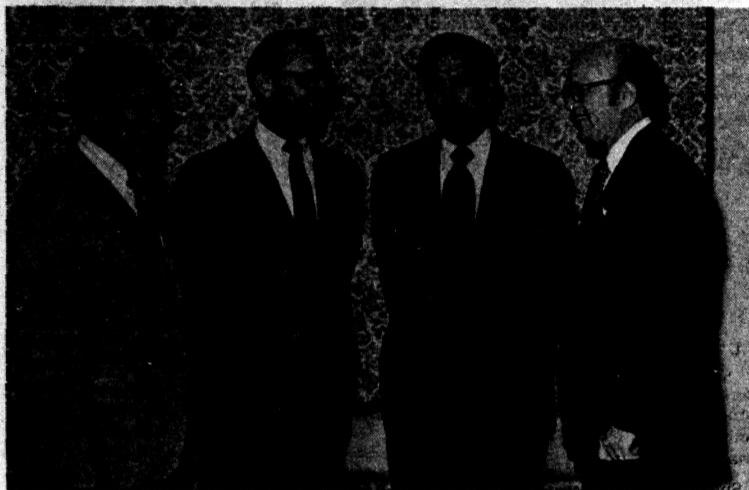
C. Update Sunday School roll (do not start new roll!)

D. Intensive personal visitation

E. Use musical service "Reaching People"

F. Conduct "Reach Out Festival" during October in churches.

(4) Promote "Celebration Sunday" — High Attendance Sunday, November 17.



N. O. Seminary Foundation Trustees Meet

George Estes, Jr., (second from right) a member of the board of trustees of New Orleans Seminary Foundation, met on the campus recently for the annual meeting of the Foundation trustees. Pictured with Estes, a Gulfport attorney, are Dr. Russell McIndire, seminary director of development; Floyd Lewis, current president of the board and president of Middle South Services, Inc., New Orleans; and Dr. Ray P. Rust, acting president of the seminary. The foundation seeks to undergird the total program of the seminary, and receives and administers funds and encourages financial support for the school.

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vocations. It is responsible for guiding these church vocations, helping them to prepare for their tasks.

Church vocations volunteers have many questions and many of these relate to theological education. Fellow Christians and church leaders are responsible for helping these volunteers find proper answers to their questions.

In an effort to guide and encourage persons interested in church vocations, the board's vocational guidance program provides free materials and services. This support is given through a newsletter, "Sounds"; pamphlets, "Vocational Guidelines Series"; per-

sonal correspondence and conferences.

The two general pamphlets, "Steps in Choosing a Career" and "Introducing Church Occupations," are available.

Lebanon Launching

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East Hardy Street. "The church had been redecorated, with new pews, carpets and wall coverings. They will have to be replaced, along with the walls and draperies. We need song books, and one of the two pianos will have to be replaced. In addition, we estimate that the homes of 45 families in the church were wiped out," Rev. Boone stated. The pastorum on East Southern Avenue was also damaged.

Bouie Street Baptist Church was seriously damaged, and at least eight churches of the National Baptist Convention will need up to \$5,000.00 to replace furniture, equipment and song books destroyed by the flood. "Many of the pianos and organs received serious damage, and song books and other literature must be replaced," stated Rev. A. T. Walker, dean of Southeast Center, Mississippi Baptist Seminary. "Mud and water have made it necessary to repair and replace walls and pews."

Dr. L. Craig Ratliff, pastor of University Baptist Church, reported approval by the members of a program to aid New Ebenezer Baptist Church to get back into full operation. "A crew of our men are scheduled to aid in the work of cleaning, repair and replacement of damaged facilities," he said.

On Sunday, May 19, the 34 churches of the Lebanon Baptist Assn. will receive designated gifts for the project.

The Council approved a James Robinson evangelistic crusade scheduled for April 25 - May 2, 1976, following a report of Dr. John Barnes, Jr., evangelism committee chairman.

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these people regroup. The churches need financial assistance now. I found myself stunned by the fact that all the beer outlets and liquor stores which were submerged were already back in business. God's people need to be as energetic as the devil's crowd.

Let me urge churches and individuals to make contributions through the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to assist churches that have been damaged. Paul states, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (I Timothy 5:8). All Mississippi Baptists belong to our household of faith. We must help them in this hour of need.

13:11ff.), and the false prophet (the second beast in 13:11ff.).

All three figures mentioned — Satan, the Roman Emperor (or empire), and the heathen priesthood — are embodiment of spiritual forces. They represent the kingdom of evil.

Demon hosts of Rev. 9:11 have over them as king the "angel of the abyss" whose name is Abaddon or Apollyon. He is himself evidently an evil demonic being.

An angel (9:1f) liberates them from the abyss to hurt those who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads (9:4).

The abyss is only the intermediate place of punishment for fallen angels —not the final lake of fire (20:10,14).

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New Sight To Celebrate 50th Year

New Sight Church, Lincoln County, will observe its fiftieth anniversary on May 5, the regularly scheduled homecoming Day.

Morning worship service begins at 11. Immediately following dinner at the church, the afternoon service will include preaching and singing, and communion of various ones present.

Rev. Eddie Collier, secretary of operations, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be guest speaker.

Rev. Edgar Lee Wright, pastor, in memory of former pastors, members and friends of the church.

"Mississippi Baptists and churches have been our interested, generous and loyal friends, especially in recent years. We are anxious to serve these churches and the private families in need who may represent the concern of the churches."

We must have the financial support of the churches this Mother's Day if we are to survive, and we must have the understanding and prayers of the churches throughout the year if we are to adequately meet the difficulties which young people coming to our care present."

Sample supplies of brochures and offering envelopes have been mailed to every Baptist pastor in the state. If additional materials are desired or required, the Village has suggested that they be requested by collect telephone call to 922-2242 in Jackson or by letter to The Baptist Children's Village, P. O. Box 11308, Jackson, Mississippi, 38213.

(Prepared By Evangelism Department)		
Church	Pastor	No. Baptisms
Central, Hattiesburg	Rev. C. R. Williams	215
Colonial Hills, (DeSoto)	Rev. Jack Nazary	134
First, Horn Lake</td		

Music Premieres, New Hymnal To Bow In Dallas

DALLAS (BP) — Two music premieres and the first public announcement of the contents of the new Baptist Hymnal (1975 edition) will be among features of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference here June 9-10, 1974, during the week of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

The conference of Southern Baptist musicians will open with a "Service of Praise," at 6 p.m. on Sunday evening at Park Cities Baptist Church, here. Leading the service will be the Centurymen, under the direction of Buryl Red, New York; concert artists Robert Hale and Dean Wilder, both members of the New York City Opera; and the Dallas Baptist College Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Doug Smith.

Among highlights on Monday morning will be a keynote address, "Worship as Event," by John Claypool, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth and former president of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

The premier of a new children's musical, "Jonah's Tale of the Whale,"

Evangelists Plan Afternoon Meeting In Dallas, June 12

DALLAS (BP) — The Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists will meet at First Baptist Church here, June 12, 1974, during the week of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

Speakers for the one-afternoon session will include Bailey Smith, First Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., and evangelists Moody Adams of Baton Rouge, La.; Bill Penley of Ashville, N.C., and John Haggai of Atlanta.

A special guest will be ventriloquist Geraldine Regan and "Rickey."

The conference will open at 12:30 p.m. with an instrumental concert and a concert by music evangelists. Other special music will include presentations by Ivy Walsh of Atlanta, Randall Veezey of Alabama, Lowell Leistner of Orlando, Fla., Bette Stalnecker of Lake Charles, La., Ferrell Brakefield of Oakman, Ala., J.W. and Bettie Turney, Austin, Tex., and Jayne Ferrell.

John Bos and Joe Nichols will provide accompaniment.

Present officers are Jerry Spencer of Brownsville, Tenn., president; John Bos, Orlando, Fla., vice president; Ed Stalnecker of Lake Charles, La., music director; E.C. McDaniel, First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla., pastor Advisor; and Don Womack of Memphis, Tenn., secretary - director of the central office of Southern Baptist Evangelists.

Annuity Bd. To Host Breakfast At SBC

The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board will host a breakfast for its annuitants who come to Dallas to attend the annual meeting of the SBC this year.

Kermit E. Whiteaker, vice president and director of retirement guidance, said the breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, June 13, in the Crystal Ball Room of the Baker Hotel in Dallas.

Anyone receiving an annuity from the board is welcome at the breakfast as guest of the board. Those planning to come should pick up their tickets at the Annuity Board exhibit in the Convention hall on Tuesday, June 11, Whiteaker said.

1974 Conference Center Schedule Announced

NASHVILLE — Most conferences at Ridgecrest (N.C.) and Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Centers this summer will begin Saturday evening and close at noon the following Friday.

Generally, there will be special presentations on Saturday nights which will include an overview for the entire week.

Manual Of Religious Signs To Aid Deaf Communication

ATLANTA, Ga. — A new book of more than 250 sign language symbols for everything from adultery to witness has been published by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Written by HMB consultant for deaf ministries Casper C. Potter, and illustrated by Jerry F. Potter, missionary to the deaf in North Carolina, the Manual of Religious Signs is designed to facilitate understanding between users of sign language as they communicate religious actions or concepts.

The 188-page book is available from Baptist Book Stores for \$3.95.



To Children, He's Lincoln

WEST ST. PAUL, Minn. — Rev. Bruce Hanks, a Baptist minister who gave up his pastorate to spend his time presenting programs on Abraham Lincoln, chats with children at Oakdale School in West St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Hanks is a fifth generation descendant of Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, and looks and talks like the former President. He lives in Spring Lake Park, Minn., and presents program around the year in schools, colleges, service clubs, churches, nursing homes, and other places.—RNS Photo

Cooper, Kelly To Deliver Addresses For Blue Mountain Graduation Exercises

Owen Cooper, the current president of the Southern Baptist Convention and a noted Mississippi industrialist, will deliver the commencement address at 1974 graduation activities of Blue Mountain College May 5th, according to an announcement made by the school.

Cooper is the immediate past president and is on the board of directors of the Mississippi Chemical Corporation of Yazoo City. He is also on the board of directors of the First Mississippi Corporation and Orroox Corporation of Opelika, Alabama.

In addition to serving as the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, he is also serving now as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF MISSIONS TO DISCUSS "PUTTING TOGETHER"

DALLAS (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) President Owen Cooper will be one of four major speakers to the SBC's Conference of Superintendents of Missions at First Baptist Church, Dallas, June 10.

The final session on Monday evening will be held in Truett Auditorium, also at Southwestern Seminary, where the W. Hines Sims Achievement Award for distinguished service to the cause of church music will be presented to Warren M. Angell, dean emeritus of Warren M. Angell College of Fine Arts, Oklahoma Baptist University, and a longtime, prominent Southern Baptist musician.

The evening will feature music, including the premier performance of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference commissioned anthem for 1974 — "Praise God in His Holiness" by composer James Cram, of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., to be sung by the Oratorio Chorus of Southwestern Seminary.

The conference will conclude Monday evening with a concert, "Belshazzar's Feast," (by William Walton), to be presented by the Oratorio Chorus of Southwestern Seminary and the Fort Worth Oratorio Symphony. The anthem and concert will be under the direction of Robert Burton.

1973-74 officers of the conference include Don Brown, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., president; Dewey Kyle of Birmingham, Ala., vice president, local church division; Paul Bobbitt, Jacksonville, Fla., vice president, denominational division; Hugh T. McElrath, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., vice president, educational division; and Mary June Tabor of Oklahoma City, Okla., secretary-treasurer.

In Washington, D. C. there are 25 per cent more women than men in the 18 to 21 age group.

dent of the Pan American Union of Baptist Men and as vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Graduation activities will begin with the baccalaureate sermon which will be delivered by Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dr. Kelly has served as pastor of Sandcreek Church, Greensburg, Ind., First Church, Holly Springs, and Ridgecrest Church, Jackson.

Born in Ecrus, Dr. Kelly is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. He has served on the MBCB Executive Committee, and as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Alumnae and friends of the college are invited to attend both the morning baccalaureate service and the 3 p.m. commencement address.

Former Mississippi Pastor Leads In Mission Giving

Dr. Robert Marsh, former pastor of First Church, Laurel, has led his new pastorate, First Church of Dothan, in leading the Alabama Convention in Mission giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and the Troy Children's Home. The Lottie Moon gifts reached \$26,000, which far exceeded the goal set of \$15,000.

The giving to the children's home, which was taken at the same time of the Lottie Moon, exceeded \$10,000.

The pastor was asked by several publications to explain the reason for such giving during the Christmas season emphasis. He replied that there was no single factor, there was no outstanding promotion, but the people were enthusiastic and interested in doing something extra for the cause of missions.

Special music will be provided by Mrs. Thomas Griffith of Duncanville, Tex., and by Sidney Reber, director of management services for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board,

Dr. Marsh has indicated that he will ask the church to set a goal of \$30,000 for 1974 Lottie Moon.

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Baptists In Portugal See Prayers Answered

By Mrs. John M. Herndon, Missionary

LINDA-A-VELHA, Portugal — Prayers are answered. Portuguese Baptists find this to be true after making a study of the past six years of mission work.

Baptist work in Portugal, which dates back to 1907, has always been slow but progress is evident. In 1967 a study was conducted and goals were set.

A seminary, so badly needed, was only in the planning stage. A search for a location for a Baptist book store had been going on for several years. Property was needed for a national assembly and radio work was but a dream.

Churches began working and praying. They decided to add to the list of goals the beginning of work in at least five strategic cities where no Baptist witness existed, beginning a training school for laymen and aiding

in the construction of five new church buildings.

During the succeeding six years God has opened doors in Portugal that many people believed impossible.

A small but thriving seminary is in its fifth year with 11 students.

A Baptist book store is located on one of the busiest streets in Lisbon serving hundreds of people each week plus forty-one churches.

The national assembly program is expanding since property was purchased in 1969 at a beautiful location in the center of the country.

Two weekly radio programs go out over the strongest network in Portugal, reaching the nearly 10 million inhabitants.

New work has been started in five new areas.

A training school for laymen is being organized.

Five churches now have new buildings.

In addition, all three offering goals — home mission, foreign mission and cooperative program — were exceeded by at least \$1,500. There is also one more church than the projected goal. Only membership and the number of baptisms do not exceed the goals yet. The church membership has increased from 1,658 in 1967 to 2,500, 500 short of the goal. The number of baptisms yearly has increased from 118 in 1967 to 200, 50 short of the goal.

Portuguese Baptists are convinced that goals, combined with hard work and prayer, bring positive results. God is at work in this small country where change comes slowly. But 60 percent of Portuguese cities are without Baptist witness, so prayers continue as Portuguese Baptists look to the future.

If it weren't for TV commercials, a lot of youngsters would never get their homework done.

Book Store Cash Register Catches On Fire

NASHVILLE (BP) — "Lady, your cash register is on fire!" exclaimed a customer at the Nashville Baptist Book Store.

"I could smell something," said Bunny Carter, the sales person using the register at the time, "but I thought I would finish with this customer and then see what was wrong. But when I looked, smoke was rolling out of the back of the register. Those kids just worked it too hard!"

Mrs. Carter was referring to some of the 20,000 teenagers in Nashville to attend the recent Tennessee Youth Evangelism Conference. Many of them were in the store when the cash register caught on fire. "It seemed like there were hundreds of teenagers in the store," said Mrs. Carter.

"We opened the store an hour earlier than usual and closed 30 minutes later than usual in order to accommodate the young people," said James Yarbrough, manager of the store. "We also had Richard Hogue, a young evangelist who spoke at the meeting, in the store to autograph his books."

Mrs. Carter immediately unplugged the smoking cash register. There was no damage.

Baptists Rush Money And Supplies To Storm Victims

(Continued From Page 1)

the storms also struck. Greater Dayton Baptist Association, where Xenia is located, sent \$5,000 to help with relief work immediately after the storm. Dr. Ray E. Roberts, executive secretary of Baptists in Ohio, phoned the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (HMB) with a request for aid. The HMB forwarded a check for \$3,000 to go with \$1,000 from the Ohio convention to share in the overall donation of \$5,000.

A later donation of \$1,000 from the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) was placed with about \$2,000 contributed by Ohio churches to bring the total financial aid from Baptists to victims in the area to approximately \$8,000.

"We are appreciative of the BWA taking an awareness of the need and helping in it, also to the Home Mission Board and others who have contributed," Moore said. "This is the first time, to his recollection, that the BWA has contributed to relief in the Midwestern United States."

"Usually, their relief efforts are concentrated outside the United States," he said.

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EDITORIAL

"Believe . . . Study . . . Preach" The Word

Paul's word to Timothy, the young preacher whom he loved so much, was very clear: "Study" the Word; "Preach the Word." And while he did not say it directly, he clearly was emphasizing "Believe" the Word.

What a message to the young Timothys (and older ones, too) of today! "Believe" the Word!

"Study" the Word!

"Preach the Word!" The world and the church have no greater need.

Last week we had the privilege of sitting in a service listening to one of the great Bible teachers of this generation.

What a refreshing experience it was.

This preacher simply opened the Bible and began to reveal to his audience what it was saying. How our hearts burned within us, as we heard what God was saying "to us." This man "believed" the Word; he had carefully "studied" the Word, and he was "preaching the Word."

All too often today, the Timothys, and the Pauls too, are deficient in the Word. They remind us of an experience that came to Dwight L. Moody,

that completely changed his life and ministry. It resulted from his meeting

with the young Englishman, Henry Moorhouse. This young preacher had become a mighty power in England in his day, simply by preaching "Just the Word." In the book "Bush Aglow," Richard L. Day says of him, "No one cared enough about the 'little runt' to suggest a course of study. So he kept to just the Word; soaked it up; flavored himself therewith to the fingertips. Within four years, he was a bright and shining light. Men from every strata, burly colliers or brainy courtiers, sat spellbound before him."

"When he met Moody in England in 1867, he 'loved him at once, but saw that he was deficient in the Word.' . . . He trailed Moody back to Chicago. . . . He frankly told D. L. 'You're on the wrong track'; then proved it by some spectacular meetings in Moody's church. Moody had that same savage annoyance that the rest of us feel when we collide with men of that type; but Moody had the grace to snap out of it."

He learned that to become a man of the Word "meant patient, ceaseless, determined struggle." He "awoke to the startling truth that no man can possibly tell what the Bible teaches until he has a lawyer's accuracy in quoting

exactly what it says — reels of it; pages of it! And his heart smote him to think of the farcical character of his preaching, when he had a vast amount to say about a text, which to save his life he couldn't accurately quote."

Mr. Day, writing of Moody's preaching before this experience which changed his life says, "There was a wide time when he used texts as cotton cords upon which to string his pretty glass beads." After this experience with Moorhouse, Moody's ministry changed, and he became a "preacher of the Word." And the world sat up and listened!

Great Bible teachers of today, still remind us of the same lesson. As they open the Word of God to us, they reveal, that in the Word is everything we need for modern Christian living. . . . everything . . . for the gospel proclamation, for the church, for the home, for daily living, for spiritual growth.

This is a day when preachers and teachers alike need to "Believe . . . study . . . preach" the Word of God.

Demons And Demonology

In this issue we begin a series of four articles on demons and demonology, written by Dr. John Newport, a professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Dr. Newport was at one time pastor of First Church, Clinton.

About two years ago Broadman Press published a book by Dr. Newport with the title "Demons, Demons, Demons." Now, at the request of the Southern Baptist Press Association, he has prepared this series of articles for use in Southern Baptist publications. They will appear in the Baptist Record for four consecutive weeks.

There is a widespread interest in the subject of demons right now. Numerous books and articles have been written about them. Moving pictures and television programs have shown them directly and indirectly. At the very moment the moving picture "The Exorcist" is being shown across the nation. There is Satan worship and even Satan churches exist in many places.

In the light of this widespread interest, and the large amount of erroneous and false teaching which is appearing, Baptist editors have felt that objective material written by some able and trusted Southern Baptist theologian, was needed to give proper interpretation of the subject for our Baptist readers. The result is this special series.

We are confident that the articles will be helpful to those who are seeking to understand the demon problem in the light of the Scriptures. Such knowledge can prevent serious problems in individual lives and even in churches. We hope that you will read the series, call attention of others to them, and even clip and file them for future reference. The present situation may become worse before it gets better.

There are some churches which never have sent their pastor to the convention. Why not do so this year? In doing it you will provide a blessing for both him and yourselves. He will be a better pastor, and have a fresh message when he returns. Moreover, your church will have had a voice in the plans and programs of the convention.

Let us have hundreds of Mississippians in the convention in Dallas in June.

On The MORAL SCENE...

THE FIRE WE CAN LIGHT by Martin E. Marty (Doubleday & Co., 240 pp., \$5.95) Looking back at the turbulent and disappointing sixties, the author seeks to see what the church as an institution can do in this new decade.

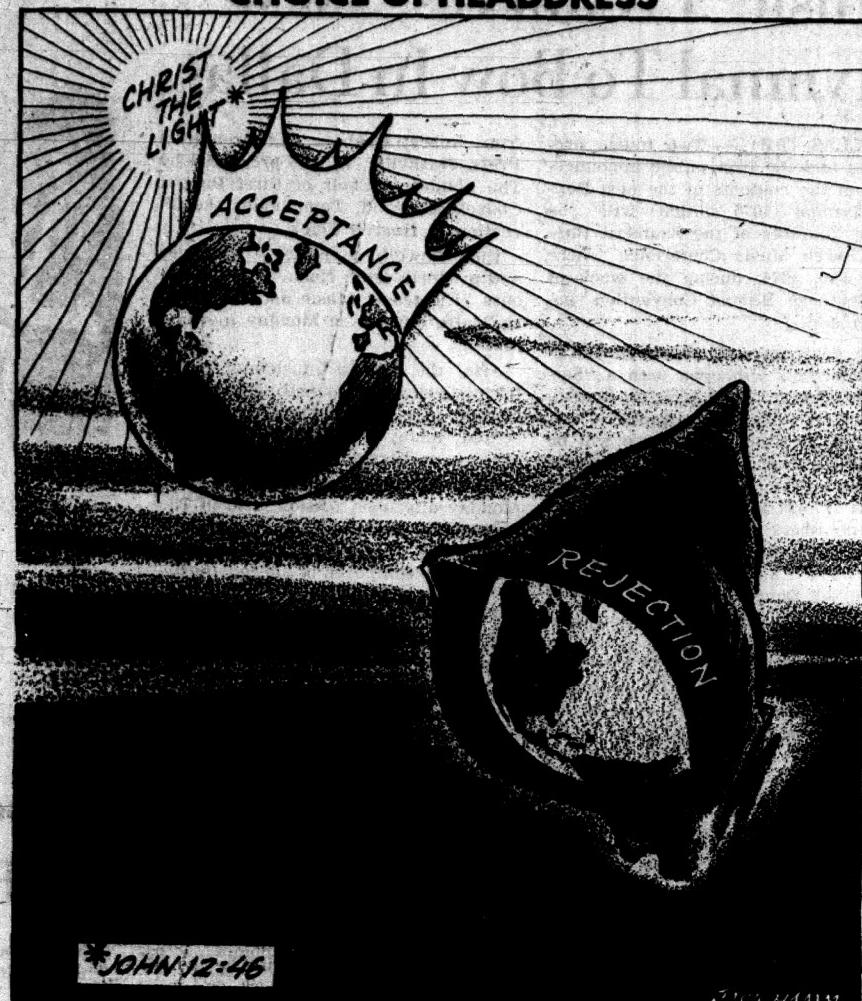
JESUS — THE JEW'S JEW by Zola Levitt (Creation House, 106 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.45) The author, who is a Christian Jew, discusses the problems of and ways to give a Christian witness to the Jew. He shows that the fact that Jesus was a Jew and was the Messiah is a truth that can reach the Jew for Jesus if it is properly done. He discusses the work of the American Board of Missions to the Jews which has become so effective in its witness. A most helpful volume for those who would like to learn how to witness to Jewish friends.

WE CAN HAVE BETTER MARRIAGES IF WE REALLY WANT THEM by David and Vera Mace (Abingdon, \$5.95, 176 pp.) The Maces feel that marriages are failing today because the relationship is not close enough. Partners should be able to love each other and grow together without inhibiting personal development. The authors suggest that marriage enrichment groups are one answer to the problem. These groups grow, learn, and support each other under the supervision of trained married couples.

1000 AND ONE THOUGHTS FROM MY LIBRARY by Dwight L. Moody (Baker, \$5.95, 396 pp.) A collection of 1,001 quotations and illustrations, which Moody culled from the writings of spiritual giants such as Spurgeon, Phillips Brooks, Jeremy Taylor, G. Campbell Morgan, W. B. Meyer, Alexander McLaren, F. W. Robertson, and many others. An unusual feature is that the quotations are arranged canonically, as they would apply to Bible truths, from Genesis to Revelation.

WATCH YOUR TEACHING! by Stuart P. Garver (Christ's Mission, Inc., 275 State St., Hackensack, N. J., paper, 125 pp., \$2.95) This book sorts out the essential Roman Catholic doctrinal elements contained in the Documents of Vatican Council II in contrast with the general Protestant evangelical teaching on the same doctrines.

CHOICE OF HEADDRESS



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher



* Do you ever feel like a little sparrow who has fallen?

Sometimes I do. Sometimes I feel like a little sparrow hovering on the ground where I fell while trying to fly — while trying to do something too big for me to do, trying to be a bigger, better person, and failing.

Like a little sparrow, hovering there, shaking, and vowed, "Never again will I try to do that. I'll be content to be plain, unsung me. I'll plod along doing little things, avoiding this fallen feeling."

Then I finally sense something hovering above me — it is the God I've been trying to fly for. He scoops me up, so to speak, and hover me close. His big hand smoothing feather and rubbing my head. His voice quietly saying, "See? I told you you could not fall unnoticed. Come on. I'll help you fly again."

And off I go, knowing I'll fly higher than ever. And knowing, if I fall, how marvelous it is to feel like a sparrow.

Cause I know Who is watching me. — Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

* Be not intimidated, therefore, by any terrors, from publishing with the utmost freedom whatever can be warranted by the laws of your country, nor suffer yourselves to be wheedled out of your liberty by any pretenses of politeness, delicacy or decency. These, as they are often used, are but three different names for hypocrisy, chicanery and cowardice. — John Adams

private schools have been built at considerable sacrifice from Texas to Florida to Virginia and even in Northern and Western states. But all feel the sacrifice is well worth it.

The Methodists and Presbyterians have become splinter groups now due to liberal encroachments. The same will happen in our Baptist denomination if common sense doesn't prevail. God forbid it.

The great First Baptist Church of Dallas led out with a multimillion dollar private school to preserve their heritage and have quality education in a Christian environment.

Donald Nunnery
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Oppose 'Social Experiments' In SBC

Dear Editor:

I am very disappointed in the contents of some of our Southern Baptist Convention publications, most especially the November, 1973 issue of Home Missions. I consider it a disgrace to our convention. Who is kidding whom? "White is white and black is black" and "Ne'er the twain shall meet."

First, we had to contend with "social experiments" in our schools and now we're being cursed with them in our Southern Baptist Convention.

I think the Home Mission Board and

magazines should be scrapped if it requires that to keep our convention from being "torn asunder" by a "very" small group who, I think, have miscegenation and amalgamation of the races as their goal.

If such individuals, in the employ of our convention with their salaries paid out of our Cooperative Program funds, really had the interest of the Negro race at heart they would encourage them to have racial pride and want to prove that they have intelligence, leadership, dedication, etc. among their ranks enough to maintain their own churches as they have in the past.

The "experiment" has, in reality, de-

stroyed the once great public school sys-

tem of the South first and now the North.

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Despite Injury, Lady Prof Treks To 36 Countries

By Marion Harvey Carroll

She hobbled on a swollen ankle for two months, battled African summer heat for eight hours while her "Lottie Moon" truck was stranded in sand, and slept in her petticoat in Iran when her luggage was lost for three days.

"Those were the incidentals that kept things from being monotonous," Dr. Helen Falls remarks drily, referring to her recent six-month sabbatical trip.

Yet, if you ask her how her "vacation" was, she'll reply enthusiastically: "It was a dream experience."

And she doesn't mean a nightmare one. "It would take me a lifetime to share all my experiences," she says seriously.

Professor of missions at New Orleans Seminary, Dr. Falls remarks dryly, referring to her recent six-month sabbatical trip.

Purpose of her trek to Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Europe was to lead 526 missionaries in strategy conferences and to learn first-hand the subject she teaches.

Explaining her FMB assignment, she says: "Strategy is not outlining what you've already done — like writing an outline of a term paper after you've written the paper! Rather, it's seeing where you are, where you've been, and where you're going."

In the course of her travels — by horse, truck, jeep, car, and plane — the missions professor visited with pastors, Bible schools, extension centers, and theological seminaries. She also spoke before 125 audiences, ranging from a small family group in a mud hut to representatives of 17 nations gathered for morning worship services in the Brussels, Belgium, International Church.

Besides speaking engagements, she socialized with the missionaries at parties and teas, and visited with 100 NÖBTS alumnae and former students. "I've written over 200 thank-you notes to missionaries who entertained me," she declares.

As a visitor from "home," Dr. Falls was bombarded with questions about the States and with requests for rare items.

"Yes, I heard 'Watergate' mentioned everywhere," she concedes. "But the missionaries were more interested in news of theological education." Of particular interest to the overseas Baptists she says, were details of the Southern Baptist seminaries' new doctor of ministry degree programs.

Culinary items headed the list of missionary requests. "What I wouldn't give for some good old Southern grits!" remarked a missionary to the Middle East. Another confessed a craving for New Orleans coffee and beignets (French doughnuts). An Ethiopian missionary lamented the lack of nuts for fancy cooking.

Since her return, the seminary professor has shipped grits, beignet mix, chicory coffee, pecans, and plastic cooking bags to her overseas friends.

"I've made lots of new friends and acquired many new 'nieces' and nephews," she smiles. "The high point of my trip was the fellowship I enjoyed with the missionary families." What did she miss most while overseas?

"Plain news from the States and from denominational people," she replies. "I was on the pulpit committee at my church (First Baptist, New Orleans), but I didn't find out for a long time that the church had called a new pastor!"

The New Orleanian has begun her lifetime of sharing by speaking at Woman's Missionary Union conventions in Georgia and Maryland. In June she will assist with the FMB-sponsored Journeyman orientation program at Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C.

Wives Earn Credit For Talking

The weary mother of an active two-year-old drags into the room and announces, "I'm ready to give him up!"

The group laughs. One member whispers, "Sometimes I think she's really means it."

Another member queries, "What do you do about a fourteen-year-old who's jealous of a one-year-old?"

Sharing problems — family, financial, church-related — is an integral part of the night course "Women in Christian Education" now in progress at New Orleans' Seminary.

"As a pastor's wife and a student wife, sometimes I feel my husband and I have unique problems," says Sandra (Mrs. Kenneth) Marler of Natchez, Miss. "But through this class I have found we are not so unique."

Louisianian Kathy (Mrs.) Kenneth Jordan of Tallulah agrees. "This class has helped me to realize that I'm not a black sheep or an oddball," she remarks.

Mrs. Marler and Mrs. Jordan are two of 29 women, ages 20-54, convening each Tuesday night for a session with Dr. Mildred Souther, associate professor of childhood education at the seminary.

Offered by the Seminary Extension Department, Southern Baptist Convention agency headquartered in Nashville, the class deals with the different roles enacted by a minis-

ter's wife: homemaker, helpmate, and hostess.

Upon completion of the eight-week course, each student will receive a grade and an SED certificate which can count on college work or on a seminary diploma program.

The members of the class, who represent 11 states, include two black ministers' wives from New Orleans, Mrs. Dorothy Haughton and Mrs. Treva Celestrand.

"I've been teaching the course for seven or eight years," says Dr. Souther, who claims she was chosen teacher when the class first began because she was the only married woman on the faculty. And, naturally, to teach a course that discusses the role of a minister's wife, "You have to be married!"

Informality, fellowship, and practical ideas mark the group sessions. Set within the framework of women in the Bible and in Christian history, the class features such contemporary topics as women in leadership, home, and church positions.

"I want them to see the importance of their role as ministers' wives, deepened by the understanding of the historical role of women," comments the teacher. "For example, did you know that Miriam was a general and Deborah a judge?"

"Yes," she continues, warming to her subject, "women in biblical times

had responsibilities outside the home, too."

At each class meeting one member delivers a brief devotional, while another reviews a book of her choice. Both activities afford the wives opportunity to polish their public speaking.

Chestine (Mrs. James) Honeycutt of Mobile, Ala., sums up the main objective of the course: "This class has helped me to have a better opinion of myself as a woman, wife, and mother."

Forming a good self-concept enables the student to understand the importance of her job as helpmate, homemaker, and hostess, explains Dr. Souther. Her ultimate goal is to help the women "feel good" about being married to religious workers.

Spiritual growth is also an important product of the course.

Barbara (Mrs. Edward) Pogue of Ackerman, Miss., expresses the sentiments of her fellow classmates as she remarks, "Every Tuesday night after this class I feel so close to God."

Other Mississippians attending the class include Norma (Mrs. Gary) Bowlin of McComb, Caroline (Mrs. Roderick) Conery of Oskaloosa, Nancy (Mrs. Joseph) Knight of State Springs, Haven (Mrs. Ronald) Stuckey of West Point, Dianne (Mrs. Doug) Warren of Clinton, and Frances (Mrs. Alan) Woodward of Hattiesburg.

Vietnam Missionary Deplores Unfairness

By Marion Harvey Carroll

"It's not fair!" exclaimed Herman P. Hayes, pictured, missionary to South Vietnam. "Only five percent of the world population lives in America, yet 97 percent of all Southern Baptist preachers stay here."

The statistics he quotes have special significance for the native Louisianian, who left a comfortable pastorate at South McComb Church, McComb, to pioneer mission work in South Vietnam. He and his wife Dotie were assigned to the field in 1959.

A 15-year missionary veteran, he returned to his alma mater, New Orleans Seminary, to speak during Missionary Day services.

The Louisiana College graduate noted, explaining his call to mission work after pastoring for 15 years, "I read in the Foreign Mission Board's bulletin that South Vietnam had no missionaries."

"I felt God speaking to me," he stated simply. "That country of 18 million people loomed before me as a country where Baptists had never witnessed. We asked specifically to be sent there."

As fledgling missionaries, he recalled with a grin, "Our orders were



Gospel Films Give Achievement Award To V.P.

Gospel Films' annual award for Christian Achievement was presented to Gerald R. Ford, the Vice-President of the United States, by Gospel Films' President Billy Zeoli at a recent luncheon in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The award carried the following citation:

To
Gerald R. Ford
Vice-President

of the United States of America
who has not waited for history to judge him
but with dedication, courage, and Christian integrity

serves faithfully in the place God has marked out for him
In every work that he began
In the law,
In the commandments, to seek his God

He did it with all his heart, and prospered.
II Chron. 31:21

The presentation of the award was a feature of the Vice-Presidential Prayer Luncheon which was attended by more than 1,000 business and professional leaders of Western Michigan. The luncheon, sponsored by Gospel Films, Inc., of Muskegon, Michigan, was held "to spark the minds of men to faith in God and prayer." In addition to the Vice-President and Billy Zeoli, other program personalities were Soloist Dave Boyer of York, Pennsylvania; Ford's son "Mike," a seminary student in Boston; and Miami Dolphin's All-Pro Tackle, Norm Evans.

Every Week They Have A 'Deacon' Meeting

By Tim Nicholas
for Baptist Press

Bozeman, Montana, thinks small, It's thinking has affected Kirkwood Baptist Church, the town's only Southern Baptist congregation, which has only one deacon. "Every week we have a 'deacon' meeting," laughs John Lane, pastor of the 150-member church.

Bozeman is in south central Montana, 90 miles north of Yellowstone National Park. It's the kind of town that residents would like to keep a secret — because it's that good.

"People here in Bozeman will stop a litterer and ask him — politely — to go back and pick up his mess," Lane reports.

"And they look out for their children too," Lane says. Residents of Bozeman insisted on and got G-rated movies in theaters on Saturdays all summer.

Once the Bozeman city council tried to get the road signs leading to Yellowstone taken down so people wouldn't come through Bozeman.

"A lot of people want to keep this area small to keep out corruption," says Bud Sievert, a Kirkwood member.

The town of 18,000 (plus 8,200 students at Montana State University here) boasts a small crime rate.

"Not that many roads a bank robber could get out on," Sievert says.

Since coming to Bozeman from Daytona Beach, Fla., to be pastor of Kirkwood Baptist Church, John Lane hasn't adopted the usual wait-

and-see' attitude toward newcomers that most Bozeman residents have.

Rather, his relaxed manner and the fact that he looks as natural hunting deer in his cowboy hat and fleecelined coat as he does preaching in his Sunday coat and tie, helps him make friends quickly.

"John is reaching everybody, Bozemanites and students alike," says Sievert.

Lane serves as volunteer director of the Baptist Student Union at the University there. Not only do the students boast attendance at Kirkwood church, but until the energy crunch, they formed a major part of a ministry in White Sulphur Springs, a town 100 miles north of Bozeman.

Lane started the mission ministry after a visit with a rancher while hunting in the White Sulphur Springs area.

"The rancher asked me, 'Why is it that people on ranches have to go to hell because they don't have time to go into the cities to go to church?'

I had no answer, and when the opportunity to begin the ministry came along, I jumped at it."

Each week Lane and a group of students would travel to the little town to hold worship services in an Episcopal church. Attendance ranged from zero to twenty. Now another Baptist church holds services there.

Where hard times and the small size of his church would force other pastors with a wife and five children to look for part-time work, Lane has remained a full-time pastor.

JACKPOT, Nev. (RNS) — The odds are that a group of Baptists here won't be worshipping much longer in a gambling casino's cocktail lounge.

They will soon get a new church donated by gambling interests in Jackpot and from Southern Baptists in North Carolina.

"We're tickled to death," says Rev. Robert C. Schreckenberg, pastor of the Eastside Baptist church of Twin Falls, Idaho. He has been conducting Sunday school in the Horshu Club lounge at Cactus Pete's Casino — on Tuesdays.

Mr. Schreckenberg said a group of churchmen from the Asheville-Mars Hill, N. C. area plan to travel by caravan to Jackpot in late Spring or early Summer to erect a \$50,000 chapel.

The North Carolina group, he said, is headed by businessman Dan Young and Rev. E. J. Jenkins, an area superintendent of missions.

The plot of ground will be paid for primarily by Albert H. Huber, president of Cactus Pete's, and a sizable donation is also expected from LaVelle Barton, owner of the Club 93 Casino in Jackpot, Mr. Schreckenberg said.

He said the chapel, a 36 by 70 foot frame structure, will be built in about six days. The crew will come at its own expense. Most of the money for the chapel was raised in North Carolina, he said.

Until the chapel is completed, once a week the "Closed for Church" sign will hang over the arched brick door.

way leading into the casino lounge and 50 to 55 children and adults will file past a battery of slot machines to worship.

"I'm sure God has no objection to our meeting place, as long as we are delivering the Gospel," the pastor said.

Asked how he and his denomination felt about gambling, Mr. Schreckenberg said:

"I'm sure the church opposes it. I'm sure the folks down in North Carolina oppose it. I don't think it is right. But we never criticize the establishment. They know where we stand. Mr. Huber and Mr. Barton know how we feel. We don't preach the negative. We've got something more positive to preach, and that's Jesus Christ."

veward, a landrover and a cross.

Preaching one way through Jesus, he shouldered his now famous cross and followed the landrover up and down the tiny nation's roads, including tortuous winding roads of the primitive outcountry. Behind him he left Jesus stickers, one way with Jesus tee shirts, big "Jesus yell" and, according to missionaries, excited young converts for them to work with in the crusade preparation.

"Blessitt came just at the right moment," said Johannes Hagen, a European Baptist Mission Society missionary and chairman of New Life for All. (Sierra Leone has no Southern Baptist missionaries.) "But then everything that has happened has prepared us for great spiritual results especially Billie Hanks' emphasis on Christian discipleship training as an inseparable part of evangelism."

Spiritual Awakening Cracks Barriers In Sierra Leone

By Robert O'Brien

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (BP) — A remarkable series of events, culminating in the largest evangelistic crusade in Sierra Leone's history, has sparked a spiritual awakening which observers feel will have a long range impact on this West African country.

The New Life Crusade here, preached by Billie Hanks Jr. of Fort Worth, Tex., a Southern Baptist who has gained a reputation as America's youngest international evangelist, resulted in 1,368 professions of faith in Jesus Christ and 2,600 other decisions.

By Western standards, those statistics rank as good, but are not unprecedented. But local Christians and missionary representatives in Freetown, the capital city of Sierra Leone, view it as phenomenal for their tiny West African nation.

Sierra Leone was actually the first

African nation to hear the Christian gospel, beginning in the late 1700's when Britain set up Freetown as a haven for freed slaves.

But, after a period of missionary activity, evangelistic fervor withered, church growth atrophied and most congregations retreated into dry formalism. They made little impact on a culture dominated by Islam, animistic spirit worship and secret devil societies.

Against this background, Hanks began the 12-day crusade in Brookfield Stadium. In a country where few people own automobiles, 20,000 persons came to hear the evangelist's spirited, Bible-based messages.

On the final night, a peak attendance of 4,000, including the Anglican Archbishop of West Africa and Sierra Leone's minister of labor, turned out to hear the "old time gospel."



John Lane, pastor of Kirkwood Baptist Church in Bozeman, Mont., enjoys June fishing trip in the Jim Bridger Mountains near Bozeman with his sons.

Names In The News

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Myers, Alta Woods Church, Jackson; Dr. and Mrs. J. Clark Henley, Jackson; and Dr. Robert Shurden, Clinton, attended the Christian Life Commission Seminar on Economics in Houston, Tex., recently.

Larry P. Broome and Glean Patterson were ordained as deacons March 21 by the Hickory Grove Church near Sumrall. Rev. Odell Tebo is the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lowrey Cooper, missionaries to Argentina, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 204 Guitard, Waco, Tex. 76706).

Rev. Donny Magers, pictured, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Magers of Tupelo, has been called as pastor's assistant and youth director for First Church, Sunnall. Mr. Magers is a student at William Carey College and is married to the former Linda Moser of Tupelo. He has served as pastor of the Lincoln City Baptist Mission in Lincoln City, Oregon and pastor's assistant of Calvary Church in Newport, Oregon. Rev. Don Neren is pastor of First Church, Sunnall.

Miss Rachel DuBard, missionary associate to Liberia, has completed orientation and may be addressed at Box 1416, Monrovia, Liberia.

Tracy Martin, pictured, recently accepted the call to the gospel ministry. Age 33, he is owner of an electronics business in Paschaloula. He enrolled in college at mid-term working toward the completion of his formal training. He preached his first sermon March 17, 1974 and his first convert was his 13-year-old daughter, Michelle. The church gave him the privilege of baptizing her on April 7. Available for supply or pastoral work, he is highly recommended by his pastor, Dr. Allen O. Webb.



John C. and Elisabeth Scott, Baptist Bible Institute seniors, Graceville, Fla., will begin work with the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village, June 15. He is a native of Richmond, Texas, and she is from Brunswick, Maine, and a former WAC. They expect to graduate, May 31, with the BBI diploma in religious education and she with the diploma in music. They have no children of their own, but will serve as house parents. He will also work in maintenance and she will assist with music training for the children. Part of their agreement with the Village is that each has a full scholarship to Mississippi College.

Mrs. Sandy Coutoumanos, a senior organ major at Blue Mountain, appeared in a select recital in Jackson, on April 19. Mr. Ludlow, Associate Professor of Organ announced that Sandy

Rev. Tom Warrington became assistant pastor on April 1, at First, Columbus. He comes from Canal Blvd. Church in New Orleans where he was assistant pastor. Called to preach while a senior at Belhaven, he graduated from New Orleans Seminary in December 1973. His parents are Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Warrington, Sr. of Jackson. He is married to the former Sandra Dill of West Point. He was ordained to the gospel ministry by First Church of Jackson. At the Columbus church, he will be in charge of youth and outreach. Dr. Joe McKeever is pastor.

David L. Wallace, son of Rev. and Mrs. Taylor H. Wallace of Enterprise, was ordained to the gospel ministry recently by Enterprise Church upon request of the Village Church, Morganfield, Kentucky, where he was recently called as the first pastor of the new church. David, a student at Southern Seminary, will receive the M. Div. degree in December of this year. A graduate of Mississippi College, he is married to the former Vicki Keeling of Louisville, Ky.

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The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Computer User's Association in Dallas elected these officers: Left to right: Roy Stewart, Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson, program vice president; Bettie M. Stevens, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, membership vice president; Lynn E. May, Jr., SBC Historical Commission, Nashville, secretary-treasurer; and Harvey H. Kennedy, SBC Annuity Board, Dallas, president. Kennedy is showing officers the IBM computer in which two million Annuity Board records are stored.

had been selected to be on a program consisting of Organ Majors from various colleges throughout the state. Mrs. Coutoumanos, formerly Sandy Freeman, lives in New Albany. The recital was presented by the Jackson Chapter of the American Guild of Organists in the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Jackson.

William Carey College annual Student Government Association elections were held on the Hattiesburg campus and Lee Bullock, junior from Columbia, was elected president for the 1974-75 school year. Bullock, an unusual

student in a number of ways, is totally deaf. In spite of his handicap he has been a student leader throughout his school years in academics, in sports, and in

leadership. In 1973 he was presented with a special "Spirit of Aspiration" award. The son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bullock of Columbia, he is majoring in mathematics and minoring in business administration.



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Blue Mountain College recently elected officers for the Student Government Association during the next school year and they include (from left) Linda Nelson, vice-president, of Pittsboro; Robin Smith, treasurer, of Picayune; Ann McKinney, president, of Fayetteville, Tenn. and Barbara Goddard, secretary, of Booneville.

Carey Announces Third Summer Of Free-Throw

FREE-THROW, a special William Carey College program for high school juniors will be holding its third annual session this summer, according to officials of the school.

During two separate 5-week summer terms it will be possible for high school juniors to "try out" college life and to earn up to 12 semester hours of college credit. This credit will be held until the student enrolls in college and asks that it be applied to his permanent record.

"High School Juniors with an overall high school average of C or better and - or a satisfactory ACT score," commented Academic Vice-president J. M. Ernest, "are eligible for Free-Throw." In addition they must be recommended by their high school principals. The cost for each

five-week session will be a \$10.00 application fee only. There is no tuition charge until the student elects to register the course at a later date when he enters college. "If he does not choose to register the course, or if he fails the course, no harm has been done and there is no charge or no record kept," commented Dr. Ernest.

Dormitory and cafeteria costs for those staying on campus will be \$30 per week. All facilities are air-conditioned and Morrison's Food Service is in charge of the Wilkes Dining Hall operations.

According to Dr. Ernest there is one additional advantage offered to Free-Throw students: if they choose to attend Carey for their freshman year, the summer 1974 credits will be recorded free of charge at the end of the year.

Free-Throw students are allowed to take any summer school courses that are open to freshmen. A list of these is available from the Office of the Vice-president or from Dr. Jerry Oswalt, counselor for the Free-Throw program and Chaplain of the college. Courses include offerings in all of the major academic areas. Most popular usually are the core courses such as Freshman English, Western Civilization, Fundamentals of Mathematics, Biblical Studies, etc.

"There is absolutely no academic or monetary risk in the Free-Throw program," advised Dr. Oswalt. "It provides a student with an excellent opportunity to try out college without risking having low grades entered on his permanent record. If he is successful he gains credits, if not, he loses nothing."

The two summer sessions are scheduled as follows: June 3 — July 5 and July 8 — August 9. Further information may be had by writing or phoning the Office of the Academic Vice-president.

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A Strategy For The Christian World Mission

By Clifton J. Allen

Acts 15:36 to 16:40

Paul and Barnabas were men whose hearts burned with the zeal of missionary purpose and commitment. Their first tour had made a thrust into the Gentile world. They were now ready and eager of launching out into new territory to proclaim the gospel. Their disagreement about John Mark was not allowed to defeat their purpose. Instead, they resolved the problem amicably and went on separate missions. Paul was led into Europe, and thus the Christian movement had its major advance toward the West. From this point to the close of the book of Acts, Luke concentrates on Paul's ministry among the Gentiles, which reveals something of the apostle's imperial vision to plant churches throughout the Roman world.

A strategy for the Christian world mission calls for competent and dedicated workers, harmonious relationships, and concern to go forward under the Spirit's leadership. Such a strategy will insure progress for the gospel now, as it did in the time of Paul.

The Lesson Explained

BACK TO THE MISSION FIELD (15:39-41)

After the Jerusalem conference, Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch and were busily engaged in teaching and preaching the Word. Paul's passion, however, was for the mission field of Asia Minor. He, therefore, proposed that they visit the churches established on the first missionary tour. Barnabas agreed readily but wanted to take John Mark again. Sharp contention resulted about this. Mark had left them at Perga on the first tour — just why, it is not certain, though Paul clearly thought Mark had been a quitter. Barnabas was determined to give him another chance. The two missionaries separated. Barnabas taking Mark and going to Cyprus and Paul choosing Silas and going to the churches of Syria and Cilicia and on to Derbe and Lystra. The fact that Paul and Barnabas went separate ways turned out for more missionary work. Mark did make good, later winning Paul's hearty commendation and becoming a valuable associate of Paul.

NEW MISSIONARY RECRUIT (16:1-5)

At Lystra Paul found a promising recruit for missionary service. He enlisted Timothy, whom he had previously led to Christ, to become his

companion. Timothy later became one of Paul's most highly esteemed and responsible colleagues. He was a son of a mixed marriage, his father being a Gentile. Almost certainly, his mother and grandmother became believers in Christ at the time of Paul's first visit to Lystra. The fact that Timothy was known as a disciple and was highly regarded by the other Christians implies that Timothy had become believer at the time of Paul's earlier visit. The reference to circumcision in connection with Timothy shows that Paul was anxious to insure acceptance of Timothy by the Jews. Paul's vision of the missionary task must have gripped Timothy and inspired his wholehearted dedication. This daring young man would prove his capacity for hardship and fidelity in missionary service.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF EUROPE (16:6-10)

It seems clear that Paul's main objective, after a ministry with young churches already established, was to preach in the province of Asia, the capital of which was the city of Ephesus. The Holy Spirit, however, forbade the pursuit of this objective.

Then Paul sought to turn to the north into Bithynia, but again he was hindered by the Spirit. Obviously, Paul was consciously striving to know the mind of the Spirit and to follow

World Mission

his leading. Paul was unwilling to turn back, so that he took the open way forward and came to Troas, a historic city on the Aegean Sea, facing toward Europe. Here Paul had his vision of the man in Macedonia calling for help. The apostle understood this to be a revelation of God's will. The earnest entreaty of the man in Macedonia was the cry of Europe for the gospel.

The remaining part of our larger Bible lesson tells the thrilling story of the beginning of the Christian witness in Philippi, a city of much importance and a Roman colony — this

means that its citizens had Roman citizenship. The conversion of Lydia and members of her household and of the Philippian jailer with members of his family marked the beginning of a church destined to become very dear to Paul and an active supporter of his work. The severity of persecution experienced by Paul and Silas was compensated by great joy in the power of the gospel. It is important to note the "we" in verse 10. Luke had joined the missionary party. He was a physician and perhaps had already ministered to Paul in some sickness.

Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference

Chevrolet Company Gives Station Wagon To Tunica Pastor

The Jack Roberts Chevrolet-Buick Co., Inc. has made a gift of a new station wagon for the use of the pastor of Tunica Baptist Church, Rev. Pat Nowell.

The church has voted that an expression of gratitude be placed in the church minutes. A letter of appreciation to Jack Roberts stated that this gift would help the pastor greatly in ministering to the spiritual and personal needs of the church members and of the community, and by increasing the effectiveness of the pastor would increase the church's power for good.



E. L. Howell, left, and Howard Carpenter discuss new devotional plan.

grams will be listed as soon as program plans are completed.

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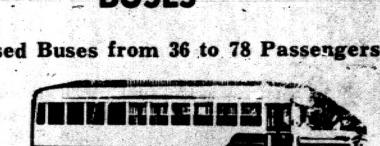
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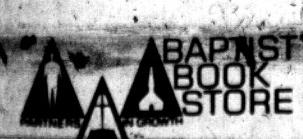
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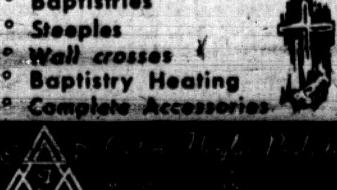
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Ground Broken For Ingalls Avenue Mission

Ground is being broken above on an eight and one-half acre site bought jointly by Ingalls Avenue Church, Jackson County Baptist Association, and the Miss. Baptist Convention Board, at a cost of \$66,000. In the midst of a very fast growing area of Gautier, the new building will cost approximately \$50,000 and will care for 135 in Sunday School and worship services. Services were started on September 16, 1973 with Rev. Zeno Wells, Supt. of Missions as temporary pastor. The sponsoring church is eight years old and is currently averaging approximately 300 in attendance. Dr. Allen O. Webb has been pastor for two and one-half years and is serving as Chairman of the Association Missions Committee. Left to right are: Ted Provost, Mission Building Committee; Dr. Allen O. Webb, pastor of the sponsoring church; N. P. Fairley, charter member of the sponsoring church; Dr. Winstead, Chairman of the Mission Pulpit Committee breaking ground; and J. B. Duncan, Mission Committee Chairman of Ingalls Avenue Church. Rev. Curtis Miller, Woodhaven Church, brought the message.



Church And Baptist Agencies Benefit From Large Estate

TEXARKANA, Tex. (BP) — First Baptist Church here has been named beneficiary of nearly \$1.5 million from the \$4.75 million estate of the late J. K. Wadley, a deacon at the church for more than 50 years.

Five other Baptist organizations shared another \$857,488 from the estate, channeled through the Baptist Foundation of Texas, with \$527,915 of that amount going to Baylor Medical Center, Dallas.

As a minister of education at Lakeside Church, Metarie, La. and chaplain of Colonial Oaks Nursing Home. Before going to the Seminary, he was a member of the faculty of Jones Jr. College, Ellissville, for eight years, teaching in the schools of history and art.

He and his wife, Patricia have three children, Susan, Christopher and Stephen.

Leading in the ordination service Sunday were Dr. E. J. Harvey of Jackson; Rev. J. B. Middleton, of Eupora, and Kermit Worthy, chairman of deacons of Philadelphia Church.

Webster County Pastor Ordained

Rev. Jim Kirkland was ordained to the ministry recently at Philadelphia Church, Cadaretta, near Eupora. He was called as pastor of the Philadelphia Church in January. He is the son of the E. J. Kirklands of Laurel.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from William Carey College and did graduate studies in history at the University of Southern Mississippi. He received a Master of Religious Education degree and Master of Divinity in Theology from New Orleans Seminary.

While in seminary Kirkland served



1st, McComb Sanctuary Going Up

The new sanctuary for First Church, McComb, is now under construction. The \$750,000 structure will seat 1000 people, and is scheduled for completion in November, 1974. The educational building has been occupied since 1969. Pastors serving First Church during the construction period have been Dr. Wyatt R. Hunter (now pastor emeritus), Dr. John Lee Taylor, and current pastor, Dr. J. B. Fowler, Jr. Minister of Music and youth is the Rev. Henry T. Maxey.

Revival Dates

Emmanuel, Jackson: April 28 - May

3; Rev. David Kendall, pastor North Calvary, Philadelphia, evangelist; "old-fashioned" dinner - on the grounds Sunday; services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, and 7 a.m. (with breakfast snacks) and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; Joe Metts, singer; Rev. Joe L. Hasson, pastor, will celebrate his fourth anniversary on Sunday.

New Bethel Church: May 3-5; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Nelson Fortenberry, pastor of Beatitude Church, Newton, evangelist; music by youth and members of East Central Junior College BSU; Rev. Archie B. Blackwell, Jr., pastor.

Sunshine, Jackson: April 28 - May 3; services at 7:30 during week; regular time on Sunday; Rev. Billy Wayne Morris, Anniston, Alabama, evangelist; Bill Souther, former music director at First, Brookhaven, singer; Rev. Mike Willoughby, pastor.

White Oak Church: youth-led April 26-28; 7:30 Friday and Saturday nights; regular services on Sunday; youth team from Clarke College in charge; David Burkett, evangelist; Bob Fremond, Debbie Roberson, Vicki Griffith, musicians; Rev. E. C. Tucker, pastor.

Calvary, Greenville: April 3-7; Rev. Howard Taylor, pastor; Jack Hazlewood, evangelist; Alice and Eddie Smith, music evangelist; 25 professions of faith; seven additions by letter; 26 Christian commitments.

Crowder Church, Crowder; Rev. J. P. Adams, preacher; two by letter, 21 rededications; 21 professions of faith with 17 being received for baptisms in the Crowder Church; Rev. Truman D. Scarborough, pastor.

Rocky Creek (George): March 31-April 7; Bill C. Penley, Candler, N. C., evangelist; Lloyd Young of Anniston, Alabama, music evangelist; Rev. Sonny Adkins, pastor; 24 additions; 20 professions of faith; two by letter; two by statement; over 50 rededications.

Easthaven, Brookhaven: April 7-14; six rededications; four professions of faith; one by letter; eight baptized April 14; Easter cantata; Rev. Robert M. Hanvey, pastor.

Shiloh Memorial Church, Kilm:

April 28-May 3; Sunday morning service 11 a.m.; nightly service 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Danny Gray, Spartanburg, South Carolina, evangelist; Mrs. Ruth Pearson, music director; Rev. Lannie Wilburn, pastor.

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Pictured above is Rev. Bobby Perry, pastor of Moss Point, First Church with Mrs. Jack May, Sr., Mrs. W. S. Rasberry and Mrs. May's son, Tolten, as they review the plans for the proposed new Family Life Center. The May family is representative of three generations that will be utilizing the new facilities.

Moss Point Building Campaign Moves Forward

Promotional aspects for the newly proposed \$270,000 Family Life Center for the Moss Point, First Church are moving at a promising rate according to M. D. Ross, director of the special Finance Steering Committee. Rev. Perry announced that the church membership had pledged in excess of \$121,000 toward the financing of the Family Life Center.

An outstanding event was the recent building fund campaign banquet attended by more than 250. The banquet, held at Moss Point High School on March 27, was the climax of a five-week campaign.

According to the pastor, approximately 100 people were directly involved in the promotional aspects surrounding the Family Life Center.



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